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House Bill 5021 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Howard Walker  
House Committee: Conservation and Outdoor Management  
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to permit the Governor to enter the State into a "Wildlife Violator Compact" with any other state legally joining the Compact. The Compact does the following:

- Requires participating states to treat residents and nonresidents alike in regard to issuing citations for violations of wildlife laws.
- Provides for participating states to recognize the suspension of violators' license privileges by other participating states.
- Allows violators' home states to recognize convictions that occur in other participating states.
- Establishes a Board of Compact Administrators, consisting of one representative from each participating state.
- Requires the Board to adopt procedures and forms, which must be contained in a Compact manual.
- Establishes procedures for states to enter into and withdraw from the Compact.

Proposed MCL 324.1615

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the State. The State could receive more fine and restitution revenue as a result of additional convictions of out-of-state violators, but there could be increased costs for staff time, resources, and information technology due to collaboration with other states in tracking violators. Criminal fine revenue benefits public libraries.

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